

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-64440-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 25.02.2020

Harjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. G.S. Saini, Advocate for

Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate for respondents No.7 & 8.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to complete the investigation of FIR No.256 dated 31.10.2018 under Sections 341, 323, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda and to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.7 & 8.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner performed run-away marriage with Mandeep Kaur, who is daughter of respondent No.7 Balkaran Singh and sister of respondent No.8 Kirtandeep Singh. It is further submitted that after some time, respondents No.7 & 8 took Mandeep Kaur back to their house and thereafter, she is not joining the

matrimonial home. In the said process, when the petitioner was called for a meeting, he was given beatings and in this regard, aforesaid FIR No.256 was registered, however, the police is not investigating the same. Learned counsel further submits that even today, the petitioner is facing threats to his life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.7 & 8.

Reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police (City II), Bathinda is on record and in this affidavit, it is stated that during the investigation, Mandeep Kaur has stated that she does not want to go with the petitioner and wants to stay with her parents with her free will and desire.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Paramjit Singh, has further submitted that the investigation is complete and challan will be presented within a period of eight weeks from today.

In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Investigating Officer to submit the challan on or before 27.04.2020, failing which it will be open for the petitioner to revive this petition.

It is also directed that in case the petitioner gives any application to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda/Sangrur for protection, the same be dealt with, in accordance with law.

Disposed of, accordingly.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No